Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: The amount of the expenditure is as follows :—

	1111	1112	1113
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Vilavankod ...	4,929	10,245	11,748
Neyyattinkara...	7,325	7,183	13,950

Cocoanut cultivation in Travancore.

5. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have thought of any definite scheme by which the deplorable condition of the cocoanut cultivation of the State could be improved ;

(*b*) what steps they have taken to protect Travancore cocoanut cultivators from the unhealthy competition from Ceylon ; and

(*c*) whether their attention has been drawn to the several steps that were taken by the Ceylon Government to promote the welfare of the cocoanut cultivators and to protect the cocoanut industry in Ceylon ; if so whether they have considered the advisability of taking those steps in this State also?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*c*) The whole question is engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Representations have been made to the Government of India on the subject.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

6. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state the stage the Pallivasal scheme has reached, and when the work will be completed?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The scheme is nearing completion and it is expected that, except the main Head Works, the work will be completed and power supplied by December 1939.

Statement, by caste, of Police Inspectors and Sub Inspectors appointed by the Inspector-General of Police.

7. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of Police Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors, appointed by the Inspector-General of Police, showing separately the number promoted from the department and the number recruited from without?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: No Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Police has been appointed by the Inspector General of Police.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I ask whether any Inspector or Sub-Inspector has been appointed since the present Inspector General of Police took charge of the department?

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Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: Yes, but by Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Has the honourable member taken part in the selection of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors?

President: Honourable member is not entitled to get the information. The responsibility, in regard to these appointments, is with Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know the nature of the control that the Inspector-General of Police has in the selection of these police officers?

President: The Inspector-General is not bound to divulge official confidences.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Karthikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know whether the Inspector-General is the officer in charge of the preliminary recruitment of Inspectors of Police?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: No, Sir, not Inspectors.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What about Sub-Inspectors?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: In the regular line, Sub-Inspectors have been wiped out; in the Armed Reserve, there are a few.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What does the honourable member mean by regular and irregular Sub-Inspectors?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy: I made mention only of the regular line, the regular police force, and not regular or irregular Inspectors or Sub-Inspectors.

Match Factories

Mr. M. K. Anantasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of matches consumed in the State for each of the years 1111, 1112 and 1113;

(*b*) how much of it is imported from outside and how much is produced within the State;

(*c*) how many match factories are now working in the State; and

(*d*) whether the production inside the State cannot be made self-sufficient?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: (*a*) Correct information is not available

(*b*) Value of matches imported from outside is given below:

1111—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 2,87,868.
1112—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 2,37,027.
1113—Matches to the value of B. Rs. 1,44,632.

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